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5 June 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau-May 1982

I. GENERAL

After several delays, Bahrain's High Court on 22 May sentenced 73 defendants involved in the December conspiracy incident to prison terms ranging from life to 10 years. The public prosecutor had sought the death penalty for all defendants who were charged with crimes against state security in cooperation with a foreign power. Iran, at least publicly, has chosen to keep its response to the sentences very low keyed. The only specific reaction monitored to date has been a 200-word IRNA item, transmitted on the 23d, reporting the sentences with the aside comment that the Saudi interior minister had visited Bahrain a few days following the arrest of "these Muslims."

The transfer of ownership of the bureau building will apparently have no impact of operations. Inquiries by the embassy administrative officer produced the opinion that our current lease remains valid. The new owner has not sought to amend any of its terms.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. A major shift of Persian coverage between Gulf and Nicosia was effected during the month. Gulf assumed daily coverage of the clandestine Radio Iran and Free Voice of Iran transmitters. Nicosia continues to cover the Voice of Iran 1805-1900 Tuesday-Saturday with Gulf backstop-recording the 0330 GMT cast and covering on Sunday and Monday. Nicosia's Persian monitor covers Moscow Persian 1100 and 1630 GMT Tuesday-Saturday with Gulf covering Sundays and Mondays. Reception of the clandestines is normally better at Gulf, while Nicosia hears Moscow with better reception.

2. Complete reception checks of Moscow and Kabul broadcasts were carried out and the results wirefiled. All Moscow broadcasts and USSR regional broadcasts in which Gulf has a language capability and all Kabul Domestic Service programs were checked.

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3. In view of often unmonitorable reception of Moscow Dari 1700 GMT program at Gulf, Tel Aviv was asked to backstop-record the program Saturday-Monday, days on which Gulf covers.

4. In response to a spate of press items quoting Saudi radio commentaries that were not appearing among our drop copies, the bureau is now backstop-recording the Riyadh Domestic Service 1130 GMT news and analysis program daily. BBC has agreed to either ask Gulf to process the cast when its reception is poor or, as was the case on 3 June, to phone-patch our recording for processing in Caversham.

5. Reception San'a' Domestic Service was thoroughly checked over a two-week period by both Gulf and Jordan. The pattern remains as before, with reception slightly better in Amman. It was therefore decided that coverage will remain where it is for the time being.

6. When notified that EAU could not cover Aden radio on 13 May, Gulf undertook coverage. As luck would have it, a lengthy press statement on a meeting of the Yemeni Socialist Party was carried that day which the bureau was able to process from two separate Aden casts.

7. The bureau also covered the main Karachi 1500 GMT newscast for Bangkok on 8 May when its Urdu monitor was ill.

III. PERSONNEL

Editor [redacted] gave birth to a girl, [redacted] STAT on 12 May. Mother and daughter are fine. [redacted], who went on STAT leave without pay 18 May, hopes to resume her career with FBIS after her husband, a Navy officer, is transferred to the Washington area early next year.

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Bureau Chief

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Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT--GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 1982

Equipment received :	None
Equipment transferred :	Two (2) Remington Typewriters to Nicosia Bureau
Projects:	Removal of whip antenna from employees house after cruising effort.
	The design and installation of new monitorial bench in the press intercept room for the purpose of easier access to TV, TV recorder and tapes.

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GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MAY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	304,190
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	78,940
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	740

	BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI-CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	11,145 mins.	7,350 mins.	167.5 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)

AFGHANISTAN			
Kabul in English to South Asia	690		
Kabul in Urdu to South Asia	860		
Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto	0		
Kabul Domestic Service in Dari	0		
Kabul International Service in Arabic	1,470		
BAHRAIN			
Manama Domestic Service in Arabic	6,540		
Manama Domestic Television Service in Arabic	490		
Manama WAKH in Arabic		32,310	
Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in English		330	
Manama AKBAR AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			8,910
Manama AL-ADWA in Arabic			1,410

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Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English			4,200
Manama GULF MIRROR in English			1,220
Manama SADA AL-USBU in Arabic			0
Manama AL-MAWAQIF in Arabic			0
CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Voice of Lebanese Armenians in Armenian	13,570		
(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Azeri to Iran	0		
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	19,940		
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran	8,030		
(Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian	7,600		
(Clandestine) Ahvaz Voice of Al-Qadisiyah in Arabic	620		
(Clandestine) Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution in Arabic	230		
IRAN			
Tehran International Service in Arabic	15,440		
Tehran International Service in Russian	0		
Tehran International Service in Turkish	1,280		
Tehran International Service in Urdu	220		
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	5,430		
Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian	0		
Tehran International Service in Pashto	0		
Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic	0		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian	4,850		
Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian	1,530		

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Bandar Abbas Domestic Service in Persian	2,850		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic	700		
Tehran IRNA in English		400	
Tehran IRNA in Arabic		0	
Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian	590		
Tehran Jomhuri-Ye Eslami in Persian			4,410
Tehran Ettela'at in Persian			150
Tehran Keyhan in Persian			2,420
Tehran Ash-Shahid in Arabic			1,070
IRAQ			
Baghdad International Service in Azeri	0		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	490		
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			2,520
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			10,710
Kuwait AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			7,290
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			11,160
Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic			8,740
OMAN			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	9,210		
Salalah Domestic Service in Arabic	640		

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PAKISTAN			
Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu	2,370		
Karachi DAWN in English			6,310
Karachi JANG in Urdu			480
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			1,260
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			0
Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu			1,760
QATAR			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	700		
Doha QNA in Arabic		15,370	
Doha AR-RAYAH in Arabic			4,990
SAUDI ARABIA			
Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic	1,150		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in Arabic	1,670		
Ad-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			3,360
Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic			1,460
Jidda AL-MADINAH in Arabic			14,600
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Dari to Afghanistan	720		
Moscow in Persian to Iran	1,540		
Baku International Service in Azeri	0		
Tashkent International Service in Uzbek	430		
Yerevan International Service in Armenian	1,120		
Ashkabad Domestic Service in Russian	590		

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Baku Domestic Service in Russian	0		
Tashkent Domestic Service in Russian	4,220		
Yerevan Domestic Service in Armenian	1,890		
Dushanbe Domestic Service in Russian	0		
Tashkent International Service in Uighur	0		
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	7,530		
Dubayy Domestic Service in Arabic	810		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		11,380	
Abu Dhabi AL-FAJR in Arabic			1,010
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			1,510
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			0
Ash-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			5,160
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			2,420
Dubayy KHALEEJ TIMES in English			5,490
PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN			
Aden Domestic Service in Arabic	2,370		

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